

Special Education Programs

Information, News and Events

February 2018



Next Sped Director Call:

February 20, 2018—10 a.m. CST

Connect through Skype for Business at:

[Join Skype Meeting](#)

Direct dial: 1(866)410-8397

Participant code: 1286289700

Agenda Items:

- Assessment
- BDI-2 Reporting Changes
- Parental Rights - District Responsibility

STAFF:

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[Kristin Jerome](#), Secretary

“We can teach our children
to flap their wings, but con-
ditions have to be just right
for them to fly”

Annie Campbell

Sped Program Highlights

The Transition Services Liaison Project (TSLP) is seeking your input.

Below is a link to a survey that is intended to evaluate the scope of TSLP services provided in 2017. Your willingness to complete this survey will assist TSLP staff to evaluate the services provided in 2017 and make changes/improvements to the services and activities provided in the future. This survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete. Survey link will close on March 2, 2018.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5PQF37Q>

Federal Program Highlights

New Resource for Maintenance of Effort and Excess Cost Requirements

IDEA requires both maintenance of effort and excess cost to ensure LEA's are funding special education programs appropriately. Center for IDEA Fiscal Reporting (CIFR) and the National Center for Systemic Improvement (NCSI) has developed a new resource that describes the key differences between the requirements and methods of calculation. Click on the title for direct link to the resource.

DOE Program Highlights

U.S. Ed. seeks public comment; approves state ESSA plan

In accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act, the U.S. Secretary of Education seeks public comment about actions U.S. Ed. can take to improve how it considers the unique needs of rural schools and districts as it develops and implements its policies and programs. The deadline to submit public comment is Feb. 20. U.S. Ed. also recently **approved South Dakota's state plan for educating students under ESSA.**

Professional Development

(click on the titles to go to registration site)

2018 Special Education Conference

March 13 and 14

Keynote Speaker:

Tim Clue <https://www.timclue.com>

Free Parent Session: March 13, 6:30-8:00. Everyone is invited. Please share the attached flyer with your parents and students.

Catch the Wave Events

3/22/18—BHSU, Spearfish

3/27/18—MTI, Mitchell

4/10/18—USD, Vermillion

4/11/18—NSU, Aberdeen

4/18/18—LATI—Watertown

Registration for the Multi-tiered System of Supports Summer Education Conference is now open!

Please see attached flyer for full conference details. Open to all general and special education staff and administrators.

Grad credit and CEUs available

June 20: John Hattie associate Kristin R. Anderson – what does and doesn't make a significant difference in student achievement.

June 21: Heather Robbins– school-wide systems and behavior strategies for struggling students.

Top 20 Training –FREE!

Rapid City July 30-31, 2018

Sioux Falls August 1-2, 2018

Grad credit and CEUs available

See attached flyer for more information

Contact Becky Cain at 280-3568 with questions

Alternate Assessment webinar:

If you missed the alternate assessment workshops, there will be a webinar reviewing same materials on February 27, 2018 at 10:00 am CST (9:00 am MST).

Join Skype Meeting

Phone: 866-410-8397

Conference ID: 6866841083

Assist Disconnected and Low-Income Students: WIOA Opportunities after High School

During this webinar, learn about the Adult and Youth WIOA programs in the state of South Dakota, how these programs can assist students who are soon to graduate from high school, and more about the services that the South Dakota Department of Labor can provide.

When: Thursday, March 1st, 2018 From 10:00-10:30am (Central Standard Time)

Where: Online via Skype

<https://meet.lync.com/stateofsouthdakota/andrea.diehm/M0SDMZNO>

You can use the audio on Skype or you can call in for the audio at: 866-410-8397 (Conference ID: 579 573 5425)

SDMyLife Next Generation

The next generation of SDMyLife is coming soon! Starting in the fall of 2018, SDMyLife will be supported by a new platform, called Xello!

To learn more about this new platform, register for a SDMyLife: Next Generation training by using the following links.

Rapid City – May 30, 2018

Mitchell – May 31, 2018

Sioux Falls – June 1, 2018

SAVE THE DATE

For the South Dakota Educator's Institute.
July 16-20, 2018
University Center, Sioux Falls

This Institute will be a combination of the former TSLP Summer Institute, and the former Autism Conference and Summer Institute Rejuvenation for K-12 Educators, both hosted by the Center for Disabilities. More information coming soon.



Sped Program Feature Presentation

Early Childhood BDI-2 Program

Note UPDATE:

When a student has been determined ineligible OR when parents decline services we have instructed the use of "NA" for the Program Note option.

NEW GUIDANCE:

Select **"0"** from the dropdown for those found Ineligible OR for which parents Decline Services

AND select **"1"** when the test is given for some "other reasons" and **—NOT** for Child Outcomes.

Guidance documents and Q&As can be found on our webpage:

<http://www.doe.sd.gov/oess/sped-earlyIntervention619.aspx>